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SUBJECT: GATT: EXTENSION OF YUGOSLAV- INDIAN- UAR TRIPARTITE  
TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: A. GENEVA 0899 B. NEW DELHI 2795 ( NOTAL)

C. NEW DELHI A-71 ( NOTAL)

1. ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNABLE TO ASSESS ATTITUDES OF OTHER CPS  
RE PROPOSAL FOR GATT WORKING PARTY EXAMINATION OF TRIPARTITE  
AGREEMENT, WE HAVE NOTED THAT GOY REGARDS AGREEMENT IN CON-  
TEXT OF ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A LEADING ROLE IN NON- ALIGNEMNT.  
THUS, FOR YUGOSLAVS, IT HAS, IN SOME RESPECTS, MORE POLITICAL  
THAN ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE, AND IS NOT SERIOUSLY REGARDED AS  
MAJOR STIMULANT TO TRADE. ITS RENEWAL IS EXPECTED BY GOY TO  
BE RELATIVELY ROUTINE MATTER, ANOTHER STEP IN BELGRADE' S  
PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD NON- ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN AGLERIA THIS  
SEPTEMBER.

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2. REVIEWED FOR ITS ACTUAL IMPACT ON TRADE OVER PAST THREE YEARS (1970-72) TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN DISMAL FAILURE AS FAR AS YUGOSLAVIA IS CONCERNED. TOTAL YUGOSLAV TRADE WITH UAR DECLINED 54 PERCENT DURING THREE- YEAR PERIOD. TOTAL TRADE WITH INDIA DROPPED 60 PERCENT. THESE DECLINES TOOK PLACE DESPITE TARIFF PREFERENCES AND STRONG POLITICAL AND PUBLIC INDUCEMENTS FOR EXPANSION OF YUGOSLAV TRADE WITH BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. EXPANSION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS RECENTLY BECOME ONE OF MAIN AIMS OF YUGOSLAV FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY. IN SPECIAL INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MARCH 14, FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARY HADZIC NOTED THAT ADVANCEMENT OF GOY RELATIONS WITH ECONOMIC GROUP COMPOSED OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS MOTIVATED BY YUGOSLAV POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC INTERESTS. HADZIC ALSO SAID THAT SPECIAL GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN STUDYING WAYS TO REVERSE RECENT DECLINE IN YUGOSLAV TRADE WITH THIS AREA. COMMITTEE'S REPORT, WHICH WILL PROPOSE SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES SO AS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR INCREASED TRADE WITH LDCS, WILL BE RELEASED SOON.  
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